

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 16-23 and 27-29 are currently pending. All claims, but for claim 17 have been indicated to be allowable.

Art Rejections:

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Ritchard. Claim 17 is amended herein thereby rendering rejection moot. Ritchard does not disclose or suggest the slidable displacement of the cutting element in the manner recited in claim 17, and, at least for this reason, the Applicant submits that claim 17 is patentably distinguishable over Ritchard.

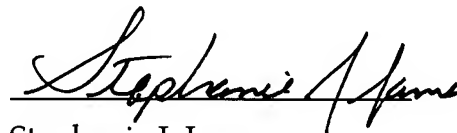
CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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